GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
COAL
LOK SABHA

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GLOBAL TENDERS FOR COAL MINING
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Will the Minister of COAL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has decided to float global tenders for coal mining by private and foreign companies;

(b) if so, the details thereof including the tender floated by M.S.E.B.;

(c) whether such a decision would adversely affect the opportunities of employment to local people, encourage contract system and exploitation of labour; and

(d) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto ?

Answer

MINISTER OF THE STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL (DR. DASARI NARAYANA RAO)

(a) Three projects of Mahanadi Coalfields Ltd. (MCL) have been recently approved by the Government, where outsourcing of some activities have been permitted in the interest of more cost effective coal mining.

(b) As per the information received, neither MCL nor Maharashtra State Power Generation Company Limited have so far floated any tender for coal mining by any private and foreign companies.

(c) & (d) Fresh investment in new projects should help in creating new employment opportunities. The work arrangements shall be governed and guided by the relevant statutes.